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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: UFO Briefing for Dr. Edward Condon, 5 May 1967

1. At 0900 on 5 May 1967, presented a briefing covering his analysis of the Zanesville, Ohio, UFO photography. The briefing was given in the conference room, and in attendance were Dr. Edward Condon, University of Colorado; Dr. Robert Lowe, University of Colorado; Dr. William Hartman, University of Arizona; Dr. Charles Reed, National Research Council; Dr. Thomas Ratchford, U.S. Air Force, and briefing was very well received by Dr. Condon and his colleagues, and they were most enthusiastic. They were impressed with the scope of the analysis had conducted, which included ground survey techniques, established and new mathmatical analysis, and photogrammetric techniques and densitometric traces. Dr. Condon stated he had for the first time a scientific analysis of a UFO that would stand up to investigation. Dr. Condon and members of his group questioned in detail during and after the analysis and were very impressed with the quality of his work.

2. Preliminary arrangements were made to get in contact with Dr. Lowe, University of Colorado, so that contractual arrangements could be made to carry on analysis by but under financing from U.S. Air Force/University of Colorado. To start this procedure, contacted and suggested that he call Dr. Lowe to initiate the appropriate discussions. I understand this was followed through later in the day. This would transfer most of the future analysis to the University of Colorado control, but Dr. Condon indicated he wished to keep a channel open into our organization. He was most appreciative of the unofficial role NPIC had played in assisting the development of this special photogrammetric technique to analyze unscheduled photography.

3. There was discussion held concerning methods of interesting the American public in participating in UFO photography. No specific conclusions were drawn, but it was suggested that it might be advisable to review all the photography NICAP holds, and conduct photogrammetric analyses on any that have the appropriate and necessary information available. This would put Dr. Condon in a position to say that he had reviewed and analyzed

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all the photography in NICAP files, and was now depending on the American public to furnish him new photography. Also discussed was the possibility of making available to police officers, on military posts, airline pilots, and such people, polaroid cameras for instant use. No conclusions were arrived at, but some interesting thoughts were tabled. It was, however, felt by all that more publicity was needed.

4. report on his analysis of the Zanesville photography will be forwarded to in the near future for distribution to Dr. Ratchford and Dr. Condon.